#### BRADSHAW JAMI L

Form 4

February 10, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BRADSHAW JAMI L** 

(First)

(Street)

(State)

02/08/2010

200 EAST JACKSON STREET

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

[FRME]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

02/08/2010

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_X\_ Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

below) below) Senior Vice President / Chief Accounting

Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

Common

Stock (1)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired	3	ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Amount		Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRADSHAW JAMI L

Senior Vice President Chief Accounting Officer 200 EAST JACKSON STREET

MUNCIE, IN 47305

## **Signatures**

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement 02/10/2010 on File)

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 7,470.
- (2) Includes 1,620.1779 shares held in 401(k) retirement account, and 3,100 restricted stock awards.

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